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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Powell et al.

Serial No.: 09/963,720

Filed: September 26, 2001

For: ULTRASONIC WELDED  
TELSPLICE STICK

Art Unit: 2833

Examiner: Leon, Edwin A.

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

1. We enclose the following documents:

- Amendment Transmittal (3 pgs.), in duplicate
- Amendment (12 pgs.), in response to Office Action dated November 21, 2003
- Return Post Card

STATUS

2. Applicant

claims small entity status.  
 is other than a small entity.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above in an envelope addressed to the Hon. Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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Date: February 19, 2004

  
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**EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
second month	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00
third month	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00
fourth month	\$1,450.00	\$ 725.00
fifth month	\$1,970.00	\$ 985.00

Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

*(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)*

— An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

OR

- (b)  \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL. RATE FEE	ADDITIONAL. RATE FEE
TOTAL	MINUS	= -0-	x \$9 = \$	x \$18 = \$
INDEP.	MINUS	= 0	x \$42 = \$	x \$84 = \$
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			+ \$140 = \$	+ \$280 = \$
			TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$168.00

(a)  No additional fee for Claims is required

**OR**

(b)  Total additional fee for claims required \$

**FEE PAYMENT**

5.  Attached is a check in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$.  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

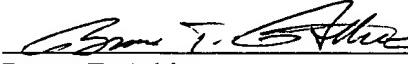
**FEE DEFICIENCY**

6.  If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

**AND/OR**

If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

7.  Other:

  
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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows: